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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 1998, at 12 noon.

Senate

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1998

(Legislative day of Monday, August 31, 1998)

The Senate met at 9:15 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, our hearts are often restless. We long to rest in You. We feel an inner emptiness only You can fill, a hunger only You can satisfy, a thirst only You can quench. All our needs are small in comparison to our deepest need for You. No human love can fulfill our yearning for Your grace. No position can satisfy our quest for significance. No achievement can substitute for Your acceptance. Our relationship with You is ultimately all that counts. Grant us the sublime delight of Your presence. There is no joy greater than knowing You, no peace more lasting than Your Shalom in our souls, no power more energizing than Your enabling spirit empowering us. This is the day You have made for us to enjoy and to serve You. We intend to live it to the fullest to glorify You. In the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the distinguished Senator from Utah, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, this morning there will be a period of morning business for up to 15 minutes. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Texas Compact conference report, with 40 minutes remaining for debate equally divided between Senators SNOWE and WELLSTONE.

At the conclusion of debate time, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the adoption of the conference report. Therefore, the first rollcall vote of today's session will occur at approximately 10 a.m.

Following that vote, the Senate will resume consideration of the foreign operations appropriations bill. Rollcall votes are expected throughout Wednesday's session as the Senate attempts to complete action on the foreign operations appropriations bill.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, under the previous order, I understand I am to be recognized for 15 minutes in morning business.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. That is correct.

CENSURING THE PRESIDENT

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, yesterday, as is the habit in the Senate, the Republicans met in policy luncheon

during the lunch hour, and during that meeting I made some comments which, under the terms of the meeting, normally remain confidential. Apparently they were sufficiently provocative that, within an hour or so of the meeting, my office was besieged with calls from reporters who wanted to know if I was going to proceed in the manner that had been reported to them. Others of my colleagues were similarly accosted by reporters who wanted to know what is Senator BENNETT going to do on the issue he raised in the policy lunch. Rather than try to respond to each of those reporters individually, I decided that I would take the floor this morning and make a presentation of what it was I said at the policy lunch yesterday, and thereby end any suspense anyone may have. I assure you, this issue is probably not worth the amount of concern that was stirred up yesterday, but I will make it clear what I said and what I have in mind.

The issue that was under discussion had to do with the behavior of the President of the United States, as indicated by his statement to the people of America several weeks ago. I made this comment. I said that if any Member of this body had engaged in that kind of behavior, he or she would be subject to censure for that behavior, and I singled out three areas in particular which I feel would be worthy of censure.

The first: It is now clear that the President of the United States had a relationship with an intern who was under his control and in his purview

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